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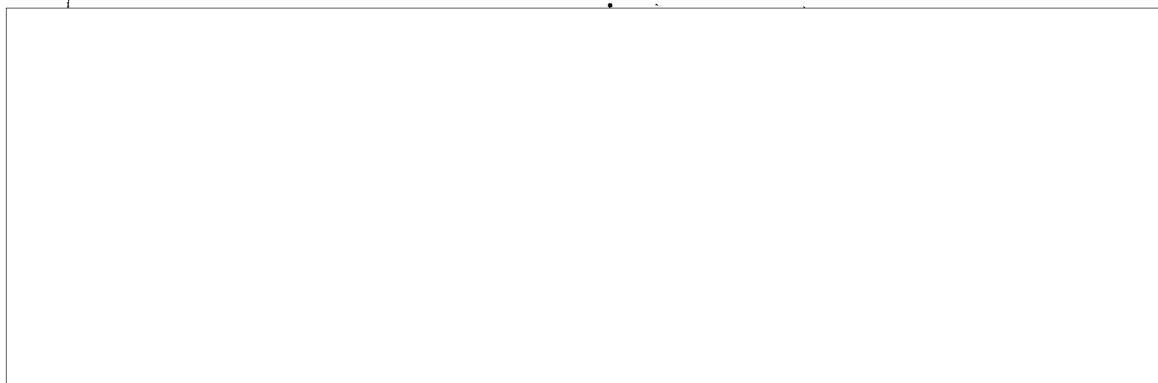
POTI CRUISE-MISSILE LAUNCH SITES USSR



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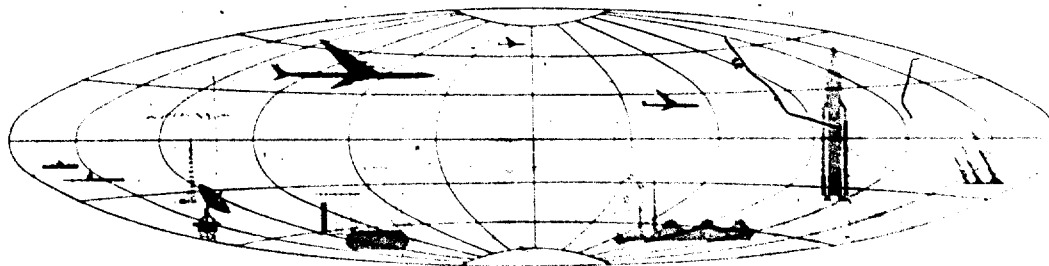


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Title: Poti Cruise-Missile Launch Sites, USSR	Geo Coords: 42-10N 41-39E		
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References: DIA. USATC, Series 200, Sheet 0324-15HL, 3d ed, May 63, scale 1:200,000 (S)
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A search for electronic/communications facilities within 25 nm of the previously reported cruise-missile site 2 nm north of Poti 1/ has revealed another cruise-missile site

this one 2 nm south of Poti at 42-06N 41-41E (Figure 1). Both sites are covered by good-quality but monoscopic photography, and the limitations of nonstereoscopic photo analysis are such that no antennas or related equipment can be positively identified at either of these sites. It is therefore not feasible to definitely confirm or deny, as requested, the possible radar components at the previously known site.

As noted in the earlier report, there is a possible canvas-covered radar tower in the northern revetment of the previously known site. It is apparently similar to radar towers which have been observed on large-scale photography of cruise-missile sites in Cuba 2/ and is clearly not an R-400 (MERCURY GRASS) communications tower. However, no further

details are possible nor can definite height dimensions be obtained, as the tower's shadow is almost indistinguishable from other ground shadows.

Although no definite radar or electronic/communications facilities were observed at the new cruise-missile site, a masonry tower which could possibly contain such equipment is situated directly behind one of the launch positions. A similar-appearing tower is also visible at the previously known site, but its location there is to the south of the launch positions although still within the apparent security perimeter. Beyond the fact that these masonry towers are 40 feet high--much larger than the possible radar towers--no further details are discernible nor is their probable function apparent.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

2. Army. MIS 23-63, *The Soviet Coastal Defense Missile System (C)*, May 63 (SECRET)

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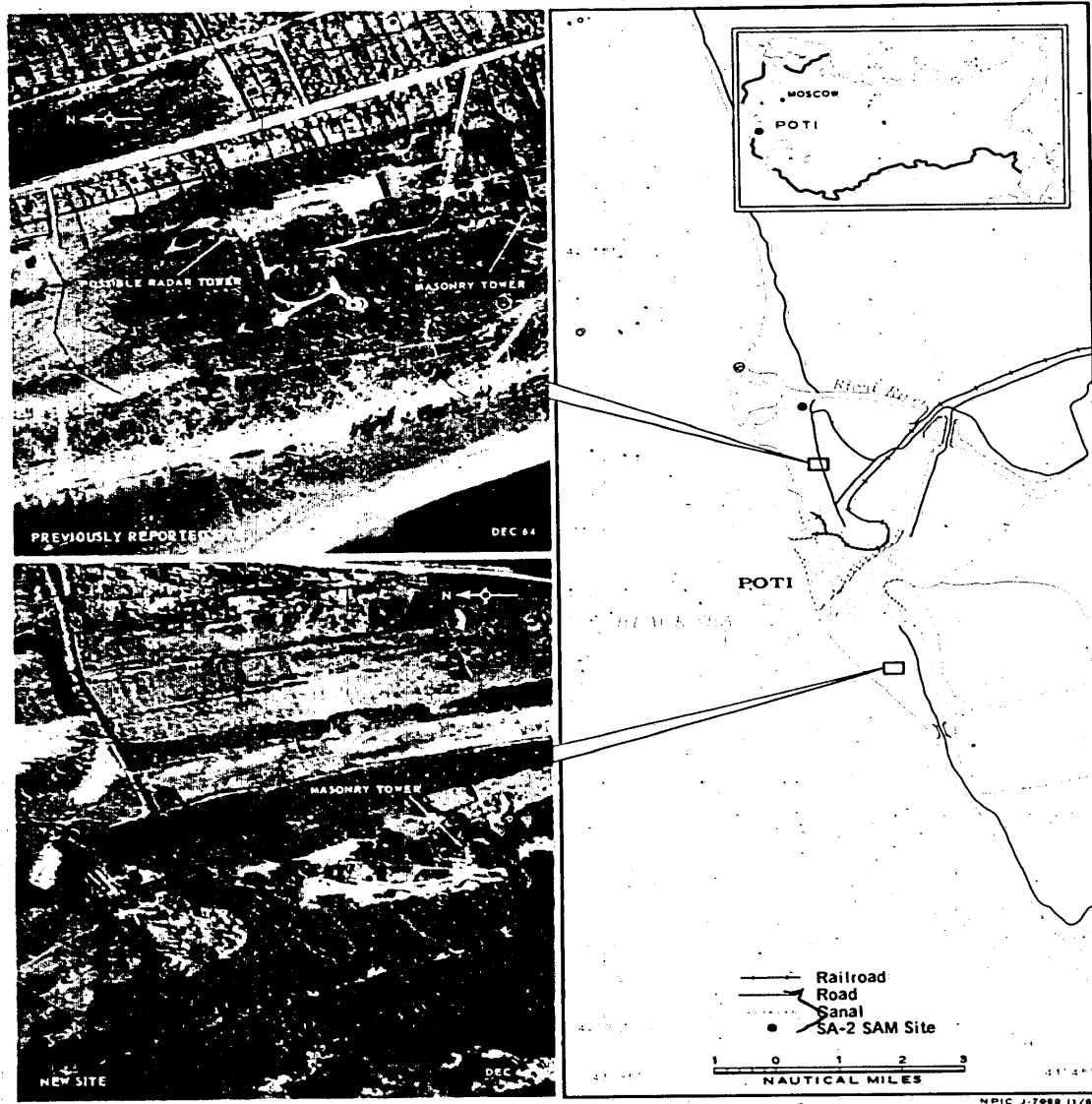


FIGURE 1. POTI CRUISE-MISSILE LAUNCH SITES.

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